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Collaboration with Google and Facebook
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with Google and Facebook for providing broadband and Wi-Fi services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Google is likely to partner with the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for testing the Loon project and Drone based internal transmission using BSNL"s bandwidth;

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the same are going to help the internet and wi-fi penetration along with the areas proposed to be selected for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) No Madam.

(c) to (e) BSNL is ready to partner in the project "Loon" of Google in India. Further, Google India had approached Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) to conduct pilot test of Project Loon in India. This matter is presently under consideration in the DeitY with all stake-holders.